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**From:** Nesci, Kimberly [Nesci.Kimberly@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 2/4/2021 6:24:23 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: OPP IO Review: PFAS response to question from FW: National Pesticide Manager Meeting 2/4

I'm not on the invite for the 2:00. Should I be? I have a conflict, but it's my meeting, so I can move if needed. I am on the invite for the 4:30, though.

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**Subject:** RE: OPP IO Review: PFAS response to question from FW: National Pesticide Manager Meeting 2/4

Thanks Kimberly.

Mike - Would you like to add anything to this reply for the meeting at 2pm?

"What are the plans for any further investigation of PFAS associated with pesticides?"

Response:

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Thanks,  
Shamus

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I would tweak this a little to

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**Subject:** OPP IO Review: PFAS response to question from FW: National Pesticide Manager Meeting 2/4

HI - We wanted to check with you on a response we can provide regarding further investigation of PFAS in pesticides for a meeting ICRB is having tomorrow.

Are we comfortable with saying stating

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I believe there is a PFAS next steps/planning meeting next week so we can update after that as needed.

Thank you,

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**Subject:** FW: National Pesticide Manager Meeting: Region 5 Questions for 2/2/21 session

Good morning Shamus and Rhina,

Hope you're both well. ICRB has a meeting with EPA FIFRA Regional managers occurring this week and one question we've received is "What are the plans for any further investigation of PFAS associated with pesticides?". We

have some time on Thursday afternoon to address this question for the regions and checking with you to see if there's a ready response for something like this in the FAQs?

Thanks in advance for any info.,

*Sandra O'Neill*

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Tony, I echo what Cindy says – thanks for the questions in advance regarding the WPS/CPA session tomorrow. talk with you all tomorrow!  
Carolyn

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**Subject:** RE: National Pesticide Manager Meeting: Region 5 Questions for 2/2/21 session

Tony,

Thanks for some of your questions in advance. We look forward to covering the topics below. I'll be talking about the merit review checklists which have caused some confusion and Sandra, Helene and I will talk about the cooperative agreement guidance and can probably tackle some of your grant questions.

Have a good night!

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**Subject:** National Pesticide Manager Meeting: Region 5 Questions for 2/2/21 session

Hi Sandra,

Thank you for leading/facilitating today's (Tuesday's) meeting. I thought it was a very good meeting. For Wednesday's and Thursday's meetings, below are questions/comments of Region 5's Pesticides team. I wanted to share them with you in advance for, if needed, time to prepare for a discussion on them.

### **Session 5: Group Discussion: COVID-19 Impacts on EPA's FIFRA work**

- Extension of EPA Guide on C&T: Is there any consideration for a continuance of the Guidance? The EPA July 2020 Guidance pertinent to Certification impediments during the pandemic had an expiration date 90 days after the pandemic ends or December 31, 2021, whichever is sooner. Current pandemic conditions and responses imply that the pandemic may last throughout 2021 and perhaps into 2022.

### **Session 6: Pesticide Worker Safety: Status of Programs**

- EPA Recourse to States That Do Not Report Pandemic Plan Changes: Expecting that perhaps some states still will not add to CPARD 2020 Plan changes, how should EPA react? To date, we are not aware of any planned EPA review of state plan changes reported in CPARD. Should there be? According to the July 2020 Guidance for States on Certification during the pandemic, all states were to enter into the 2020 CPARD any and all changes to their current Certification Plan that were necessary for continuance of their program during the pandemic. This is a requirement under the present Cert Rule that EPA be advised of any minor Plan changes at the Year-End report. A review of all 2020 state CPARD entries by OPP CWPB as reported to the Regions on 1/8/21 revealed that the majority had not reported any Plan changes in CPARD. Subsequently, Regions sent out reminders to the states to go back into CPARD and add pandemic Plan changes.
- Suggested update topic for a future RDD meeting: Update on the C&T plans and Regional participation in the workshare program. During a recent (Thurs 1/28/21) EPA Regional internal discussion about the proposed Workshare program, a suggestion was made by a Regional Section Chief that with all the Regional Management turnover in last 2 years from the reorganizations, it is important for the management chains in the Regions to continue to be aware of the need to have enough OPP AND Regional assistance to complete the detailed reviews and approvals of the 60 state/tribal plans.

### **Session 7: Cooperative Agreement Grant Management**

- Extension of Existing Grant Periods: Can EPA develop an exception to the one-time no cost extension on all grants during the extending pandemic? Several small EPA Regional grants have been extended (no cost extension) in 2020 due to COVID-19 and the inability or limited ability to do face-to-face training or outreach which was part of the grant workplans. For instance, R5 has 2 EJ grants funded in late 2019 under a 1 year project that included work both in Illinois and Michigan to do general pesticide safety and WPS training. The field work under those project grants could not be completed in 2020 due to the pandemic, and the grants were granted 1 year no-cost extensions. It now appears that the social distancing and masks will extend well into 2021 and may be 2022, despite a vaccine roll-out. If an additional extension cannot be granted, it is entirely possible that these small grants work may not be fulfilled at no fault of their own.
- Merit Review Checklists: Some specific questions include: The checklist asks to verify grant compliance with 2CFR Part 200 and 40CFR 35, can someone talk about the application of these provisions? When are the checklists to be completed? They are not currently identified in the latest PO Manual (2017). When the checklists are done, where are they filed? If, after the presentation, it is considered helpful, should OPP host a conference call to discuss the checklist further?

### **Session 9: OCSPP/ OECA Updates**

- What are the plans for any further investigation of PFAS associated with pesticides?